(b) and (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/U.T. Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance for the tourism-related projects which are identified in consultation with the State concerned.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has sanctioned a project for Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa to develop tourist facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri and Langudi for an amount of Rs. 740.67 lakh during the year 2004-05 under the Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits Scheme.

Development of websites for tourism in States

931. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central financial assistance on 50:50 basis is given to State Governments/Union Territories as a part of their IT initiatives for developing their websites, networking, computerisation, procurement of multi-media projection system etc. in the interest of enhancing tourism in India;

(b) if so, the details of financial assistance provided to different States/ Union Territories during last three years; and

(c) how far this assistance has been utilised by them and its impact on the tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of financial assistance provided to different States/Union Territories during last three years are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The IT assistance is sanctioned to different States to improve the networking system in their accommodation units, reservation systems and to host and upgrade their websites as a means of easy communication within and outside the country.

Statement

Development of websites for tourism in the States

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Details of the scheme sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4
	Year 2002-03		
1.	Chhattisgarh	Purchase of Laptop Computer and LCD Projector for Deptt. of Tourism	30.00
2.	Delhi	(a) Purchase of LCD Projectors with Laptops b) Purchase of Computers and peripherals c) Production of Virtual Reality CDROMs of Monuments for Deptt. of Tourism	13.53
3.	Kerala	Production of CD ROM on GIS Maps of Kerala	36.00
		Networking of Guest Houses of Kerala Tourism	25.00
4.	Orissa	Purchase of Laptop Computer and LCD Projector for Deptt. of Tourism	7.50
5.	Sikkim	Wireless communication system for Deptt. of Tourism	4.80
	Year 200-04		
1.	Karnataka	For Installation of Handy Audio Reach Kit at Belur, Hassan District in Karnataka	11.46
2.	Karnataka	For Installation and purchase of IT equipments for Jungle Lodges and Resort	9.70
3.	Karnataka	For purchase of IT Infrastructure for KSTDC Ltd.	15.80
4.	Kerala	For Production of Virtual Walkthrough CD ROMs on Kerala Kalamandalam	6.50

1	2	3	4
5.	Kerala	For Production of VCDs on Tourist Attractions of Kerala	17.00
6.	Madhya Pradesh	For Computerisation and Integration of Offices and properties of Tourism Deptt. of M.P.	48.20
7.	Sikkim	For production of CD ROMs	42.14
8.	Sikkim	For production of GIS Maps in the State	58.40
9.	Haryana	For production of CD/VCD on the Culture, traditional art by Tourism Deptt.	4.50
10.	Haryana	For installation of Multi Media Kiosks by State Tourism	8.72
11.	Haryana	For Production of Virtual Walkthrough CD ROMs by Deptt. of Tourism	12.25
12.	Maharashtra	For Marketing and Publicizing tourism product using IT by Tourism Deptt.	22.50
13.	Tamil Nadu	For Installation of Payment Gateway System by State Tourism Department	3.00
14.	Andhra Pradesh	For Development of CDs on Tourist Destinations by Tourism Deptt. of A.P.	24.00
15.	Andhra Pradesh	For Development of VISTA Software for Online Software by Deptt. of Tourism	22.50
16.	Meghalaya	For IT scheme for Tourism Deptt. of Meghalaya	38.72
	Year 2004-05		
1.	Maharashtra	Upgradation of Technology & Computerization for Deptt. of Tourism	46.37

1	2	3	4
2.	Kerala	IT project for production of CD/VCD, Deptt. of Tourism	29.00
3.	Kerala	IT Project—Deptt. of Tourism	21.00
4.	Madhya Pradesh	IT project for Deptt. of Tourism	50.00
5.	Himachal Pradesh	Upgradation of website, production of CD/VCD for Deptt. of Tourism	20.00
6.	Punjab	Preparation of CD ROM for Deptt. of Tourism	13.57
7.	Rajasthan	Translation of website in foreign languages for Deptt of Tourism	24.42
8.	Uttaranchal	Tourism Networking for Deptt. of Tourism	50.00
9.	Delhi	Revamping of existing website for Deptt. of Tourism	48.85
10.	Chhattisgarh	IT projects for Deptt. of Tourism	31.68
11.	Pondicherry	IT Project for Deptt. of Tourism	11.73
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	Preparation of Photo and Information CD for Deptt. of Tourism	14.25
13.	Nagaland	IT projects for networking for Deptt. of Tourism	70.00

Tourism projects for HP

932. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh had sent any proposal for developing tourism projects;

(b) if so, the names of the tourism projects and the amount sanctioned for each project; and